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NORTHERN MOUNTAIN REGION AG WAGE REMAINS STEADY

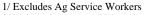
WYOMING: The annual average wage rate for all hired labor in the Northern Mountain Region farms and ranches in 2007 was \$9.24 per hour, according to Vito Wagner with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The average wage was down 1 cent from the 2006 average of \$9.25 per hour. The annual average wage rate for field workers was \$8.50 in 2007, compared with \$8.77 in 2006. The combined wage rate for field and livestock workers, excluding supervisors and other workers was \$8.74 in 2007, up from \$8.76 in 2006. There was an average of 22,000 hired workers during 2007, down 1,500 workers from 2006. The average number of hours worked by all hired labor in 2007 was 43.9 hours per week, compared with 42.9 hours per week a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: The 2007 annual average number of hired workers for the Nation was 739,800 workers, down 2 percent from 2006. The annual average number of hours worked during the week was 40.7 in 2007, up from 40.5 in 2006.

The 2007 U.S. all hired worker annual average wage rate was \$10.21, up 3 percent from the 2006 annual average wage rate of \$9.87. The U.S. field worker annual average wage rate was \$9.40, up 34 cents from last year's annual average. The field and livestock worker combined annual average wage rate at the U.S. level was \$9.49, up 34 cents from last year's annual average wage rate of \$9.15.

Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Regions and U.S., October 7-13, 2007 1/

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk	All Hired
			Combined	Workers
	Dollars per hour			
Mntn I 2/	8.31	9.10	8.56	9.00
Mntn II 3/	9.80	10.69	10.05	10.66
No Plns 4/	10.68	9.82	10.45	10.78
U.S. 5/	9.62	9.98	9.72	10.33



^{2/} Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming

4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North &

South Dakota

5/ Excludes Alaska



^{3/} Colorado, Nevada and Utah